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**RE: Submission to The Commission of Inquiry – Montara Well Head Platform
Uncontrolled Hydrocarbon Release**

I strongly believe there should be no further expansion of the petroleum industry on the North-West shelf of Australia's Kimberley region until such time as:

1. A network of marine parks with large sanctuaries is established in the Kimberley region to serve as protection from events like the West Atlas oil spill (Term of Reference 10);
2. It can be shown that proposals for expansion of the North-West petroleum industry are fully compliant with binding national climate change policies and targets (Term of Reference 11);
3. Faster response time mechanisms and improved oil spill procedures are developed and adopted – with strong independent compliance enforcement. (Term of Reference 8)

Having visited the Kimberley and seen its pristine and unique beauty, I am in awe that this government does not act swiftly to protect this region. As a legacy to the future and as a gift to the present, action to protect this area from oil spills and other exploitation, is surely not just a good idea but a necessity and a huge responsibility.

Yours Sincerely,

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